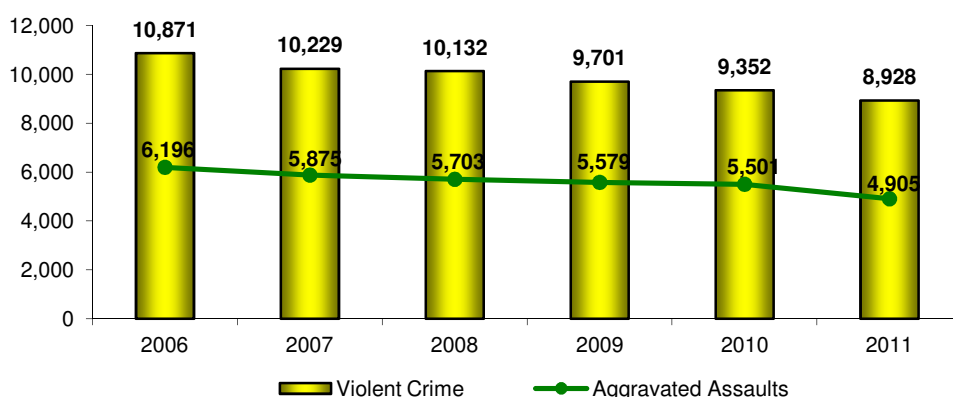


## Baltimore City

### *Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland*

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Baltimore City has seen a significant 10.3% reduction in total crime, a 17.9% reduction in violent crime, and a 7.7% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in murders (-28.6%), robberies (-18.2%), aggravated assaults (-20.8%), larceny/thefts (-7.7%), and motor vehicle thefts (-33.0%).

**Baltimore Violent Crime and Aggravated Assault Trends 2006 - 2011**



### **BALTIMORE CITY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Baltimore City's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 84 grants in Baltimore City totaling \$11,793,394. As a result, Baltimore has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Youth Violence Reduction Partnership** – The Baltimore City Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice's Youth Violence Reduction Partnership program aggressively tracks juvenile offenders by utilizing a security integration model of multi-agency collaboration with state and local law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies, and community partners. While holding high-risk juveniles accountable, needed services as well as diversion programs are also included in this program.
- **CitiWatch 911 Integration** – The Baltimore Community Foundation, Inc.'s CitiWatch 911 Integration program helps reduce existing service gaps, enhances police services, and fosters collaboration and cooperation among the Baltimore Police Department, and partner agencies. This program provides computer software technology that simultaneously sends emergency 911 call information to dispatchers and the CitiWatch center, enabling access to video footage of crimes being committed throughout the city.
- **Comprehensive Violence Prosecution** – The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City's Comprehensive Violence Prosecution program addresses violent crime in the city. Through vertical prosecution with Project EXILE and the U.S. Attorney's Office, non-fatal injury shootings, recidivist handgun offenders, and gun trafficking cases are prosecuted in the Circuit Court. The Homicide Division prosecutes homicides, works closely with the Baltimore Police Department's Cold Case squad in solving old homicides and supervises police-involved shooting investigations.

### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Comprehensive Violence Prosecution
- Warrant Service
- CitiWatch 911 Integration
- Intake to Justice Initiative
- Sexual Assault Response
- Crime Data Link Initiative
- Prisoner Re-entry services
- Crime Lab Enhancements
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Protective Order Entry
- Cell Phone Interdiction
- Gun Tracing Task Force

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# Fact Sheet



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#### BALTIMORE CITY MAKES AN IMPACT:

- **Crime Data Link Initiative** - The Baltimore Community Foundation supports the Baltimore Police Department's Crime Data Link Initiative which provides computer software technology that enhances police investigations by consolidating existing case management data, providing searchable fields for related criminal case data, and facilitating link analysis between incidents.
- **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council** - The Baltimore City Criminal justice Coordinating Council and their respective agencies work together to enhance public safety and reduce crime in Baltimore City, advance the fair and timely disposition of cases, and ensure justice for those accused of crimes and the victim of crime. This Council ensures participation from all criminal justice system stakeholders in Baltimore City.
- **Cell Phone Interdiction** – The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City's Cell Phone Interdiction program prosecutes the illegal possession of cell phones by incarcerated individuals within the city's jails and prisons. This program helps to thwart other illegal activities initiated by the use of these cell phones.
- **Roper Victim Assistance Academy** – In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland provides a nationally approved basic and advanced victim service provider training for certification and academic credits. The training focuses on the specific areas of advocacy, addressing key issues, building skills, and assessing current approaches to serving crime victims in Maryland.
- **War Room Coordination** – Baltimore City's Inter-Agency War Room Coordination project is a cooperative effort between the State's Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services, and the Baltimore Police Department. This project provides a focused response to violent offenders in the city through a comprehensive program of electronic information sharing that identifies the most violent offenders in Baltimore City upon arrest.
- **Supervised Visitation Center** – Supervised Visitation Center planning addresses the persistent problem of domestic violence and child abuse in the area. The program supports the creation of a fully functional supervised center in Maryland. This 3 year project has an advisory board that sets policies and protocol, conducts a needs assessment, and determines the Center's exact location.

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#### Key Initiatives

- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Project EXILE
- Operation Safe Kids
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Youth Violence Reduction partnership
- Roper Victim Assistance Academy
- Supervised Visitation Center
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Underserved Victim Support
- Family Bereavement
- Domestic Violence Hospital Programs
- Child Sexual Abuse Investigations
- War Room Coordination
- Alternatives to Incarceration